

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Amended) A shaving apparatus, comprising;
a reservoir for storing a shaving aid material;
a razor cartridge having at least one razor blade; and
a valve comprising a spring-loaded plug element and an orifice to receive the spring-loaded plug element is selectively actuatable by movement of the razor cartridge between a first position and a second position;
wherein in the first position the valve permits passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir, and in the second position the valve substantially prevents passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Amended) The shaving apparatus of claim-2 1, wherein the spring-loaded plug element is disposed on a stem.
4. (Original) The shaving apparatus of claim 3, further comprising a manifold in which the stem is axially translatable.
5. (Original) The shaving apparatus of claim 3, further comprising an O-ring disposed on the stem to direct the flow of the shaving aid material to the razor cartridge.
6. (Original) The shaving apparatus of claim 1, wherein the spring-loaded plug element is a ball.
7. (Amended) A shaving apparatus, comprising;
a reservoir for storing a shaving aid material;
a razor cartridge having at least one razor blade; and

a valve selectively actuatable by movement of the razor cartridge between a first position and a second position;

wherein in the first position the valve permits passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir, and in the second position the valve substantially prevents passage of shaving aid material from the reservoir; ~~The shaving apparatus of claim 1,~~

wherein the valve comprises a first plate and a second plate disposed such that a surface of the second plate is engagable with a surface of the first plate to prevent the flow of the shaving aid material from the reservoir.

8. (Original) The shaving apparatus of claim 7, further comprising a spring configured to bias the surface of the second plate against the surface of the first plate.

9. (Original) The shaving apparatus of claim 8, wherein said spring is a leaf spring.

10. (Amended) A valve for a shaving apparatus, comprising:
a plug element cooperably connected to a razor cartridge; and
an orifice in which the plug element is received;
wherein the razor cartridge is movable between a first position and a second position such that the plug element permits passage of a shaving aid material from a reservoir when the razor cartridge is in the first position and prevents passage of the shaving aid material from the reservoir when the razor cartridge is in the second position.

11. (Original) The valve of claim 10, wherein the plug element is a spring-loaded ball.

12. (Original) The valve of claim 11, wherein the ball is disposed on a stem.

13. (Original) The valve of claim 12, wherein the stem is operably connected to the razor cartridge.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)